General Faculty Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2007

125 Civil Engineering Building, 4:00 P.M.

I. Call-to-Order, Chancellor John Carney III called the meeting of the General Faculty to order at 4:00 P.M.

II. Announcements – None

III. Memorial Resolutions – None

IV. Chancellor called for approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. Chancellor Carney introduced the officers of the General Faculty.

John Carney III – President
Frank Blum – Vice President (elected at Academic Council meeting, September 20, 2007)
Michael Schulz – Parliamentarian (elected at Academic Council meeting, September 20, 2007)
Laura Stoll – Secretary

VII. Introduction of New Faculty

Provost Wray introduced a new department chair and two new interim chairs:

Dr. G. Dan Waddill, Professor and Chair of Physics
Dr. Ralph Flori, Associate Professor and Interim Chair of Interdisciplinary Engineering
Dr. Dee Montgomery, Curator’s Teaching Professor and Interim Chair of Psychology

Provost Wray called on department chairs or their representative to introduce new faculty. The new faculty introduced were:

Dr. Akim Adekpedjou, Assistant Professor of Mathematics & Statistics
Dr. Hojong Baik, Assistant Professor of Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering
Kevin Barber, Lecturer of Economic & Finance
Dr. Michael Bruening, Assistant Professor of History & Political Science
Matthew Buechler, Lecturer of Computer Science
Dr. Bob Cesario, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands
Dr. John Cimics, Assistant Professor of Theatre & Director of UMR Theatre Players
Dr. Elizabeth Cudney, Assistant Professor of Engineering Management & Systems Engineering
VIII. New Business

A. Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Carney reported the end of second week enrollment of 6,128 students, a 5% increase from this time last year, and 30% over this time in 2000. Further enrollment details and the freshman class profile were given.

Chancellor Carney discussed updates on the Presidential Search, Residential College II, and the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering building. He also reported that two UM System Vice Presidents, Steve Lehmkuhle and John Gardner, would be leaving for other institutions.

Chancellor Carney said the 2007 Fall Career Fair was to be the largest in UMR history with over 275 companies already registered. The Capital Campaign is well on its way to a goal of $200 million, with $118.7 million raised as of 7/31/07. The Innovation Park and the Board of Trustees meeting and gala were also discussed.

B. Provost’s Report

Provost Wray reported on the status of the search for a new Chief Information Officer. The committee worked over the summer and three candidates have been invited to campus. The campus will be invited to meet the candidates at an open forum.

C. Academic Council President’s report

Academic Council President Kurt Kosbar reported the work accomplished by Academic Council on the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs and the Student Academic Regulations due to the campus administrative restructuring. The Bylaw changes as a result of the restructuring were just returned from the UM General Counsel’s Office and will be discussed at the next General Faculty meeting. A vote will be taken prior to presenting the Bylaws to the Board of Curators. The committee structure with regard to membership was also discussed.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

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Laura Stoll, Secretary